

Washington State Society for Healthcare Engineering

Eastern Chapter Meeting – Minutes

December 2, 2011

Holy Family Hospital- Spokane, Washington

Host-Norm McLarin

Attendees:

Name	Company
Brad Jones	CWCMH-Yakima
Curt McNeilly	Whitman Hospital / Medical Center
Stephen Greenhalgh	Whitman Hospital / Medical Center
Ron Urlacher	Yakima Valley Memorial Hospital
Neil Helberg	North Valley Hospital
Norm McLarin	Providence Holy Family Hospital
Bret Miche	Graham Construction
Tim Heidlebaugh	Central Washington Hospital
Will Mackin	Walla Walla General Hospital
Paul Boysen	Bouten Construction
Bruce Price	Walla Walla General Hospital
Tim Shirman	Providence Holy Family Hospital
Jim Schmitz	MW Consulting Engineers
Mike Kelly	Providence Sacred Heart Medical Center
Steve Bollinger	Intelligent Insites
Jim Rogers	MW Consulting Engineers
Roger Hahn	AAtronics
Jim Miller	St. Luke's Rehabilitation Institute
Eric Rodgers	Coulee Medical Center
Denny Denholm	Advanced Medtech
Don Kilgore	St. Luke's Rehabilitation Institute
Gary Beckham	Lincoln County Hospital
Ben Myers	Samaritan Hospital
Cheryl Harper	Providence St. Joseph's Hospital
Kerry Olsen	Providence Holy Family Hospital
Autumn Marks	Cascade Natural Gas Conservation
Lindsey Mickelson	ThyssenKrupp Elevator
Josh Jensen	ThyssenKrupp Elevator
Phil Kercher	Providence Sacred Heart Medical Center
Eric Johnson	ThyssenKrupp Elevator
Mike Collins	Providence St. Mary Medical Center
Daniel Eagle	Providence Sacred Heart Medical Center
Dennis Zimmer	Meier Architecture and Engineering
Alyson McLean	Blue Room Architecture and Design

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Administrative

1. Introduction of attendees
2. Approval of September minutes-Approved and seconded
3. Recognition of Service
 - Ben Myers –Immediate Past President Eastern Chapter 2010-11
4. Treasurer's Report
 - Current Eastern Chapter Account balance of \$20,003.60
5. 2012 Meeting Dates and Locations/Hosts
 - **March 2** , Central Washington Hospital, Wenatchee-Host Tim Heidlebaugh
 - **June 8**, Coulee Medical Center, Grand Coulee, Host-Eric Rodgers
 - **September 7** Yakima Valley Memorial Hospital, Yakima, Host-Ron Urlacher
 - **December 7** Providence Sacred Heart Medical Center, Spokane Host-Phil Kercher

Advocacy and Networking

6. State Board Updates-Ben Myers
 - Ben -Working with State Board Members to address concerns related to DOH CRS proposed 22% fee increase
 - Discussed WEBEX availability to use for meetings
 - Working to improve look of the States Website
 - Membership Directory available and password user info available by contacting AMI
7. ASHE Advocacy/ Liaison update - Phil Kercher
 - Change of ASHE Advocacy leadership-Doug Erickson who held this position for 26 years has turned the reins over to Chad Beebe
 - Advocacy meetings being held next week in Chicago, Don Kilgore will be attending the meeting and reporting back to the State Board
 - PDC Conference coming up
 - CHFM Certification if you have 8-10 years in Facilities Management you may want to consider taking the test and becoming a Certified Healthcare Facilities Manager.

Growth and Communication

8. WSSHE Scholarships
 - Available to WSSHE members
 - 4-5 scholarships valued at \$750.00 available annually
 - Applicants must take and pass class to be eligible to receive money
 - Scholarship pays for books and tuition only (Not travel)
9. Discussed Building Operator Certification and how great this program is for learning the basics of Building Operation and many components related to building operation and maintenance.
10. June Training 2012-Tim Heidlebaugh will contact HVAC Technical Instructor @Wenatchee Valley Community College to look into dates and his availability to provide training to members in June
11. News line Articles 2011
 - 3rd Quarter- Tim Heidlebaugh
 - 4th Quarter- Lindsey Mickelson/Mary Richards

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News line articles 2012

- 1st Quarter-Tim Heidlebaugh
- 2nd Quarter-Phil Kercher
- 3rd Quarter-Bruce Price
- 4th Quarter-Don Kilgore

Eastern Chapter Members-Please keep in mind all members can submit news articles and they only need to be a couple of paragraphs. These articles can be related to anything to do with Health Care Facilities Management that you feel our members may find valuable.

12. DOH Licensing Survey - Norm McLarin

According to Norm, this was the most intense survey he had seen from either DOH or the JC. Norm explained that most of the issues are coming from the State Fire Marshal. Norm shared his experience and summarized the recent survey that took place at his Hospital and provided a heads up for some of our members that may be having this survey at their Hospital in the near future. DOH was concerned about non-critical loads placed on the Critical Branch of the emergency power system. Suggestion made to have accurate one-line electrical drawings to verify equipment type and loads on the Critical Branch.

13. Questions from Chuck

- Elevator Inspection –Spokane City Inspectors citing buildings for various code deficiencies, including no fire recall. Must have keys available in Lock Box
- Discussed recycling of plastic “blue wrap” from sterilized instruments
- Discussed single stream recycling where all recyclables (Paper, Plastic, Aluminum) are mixed together and vendor sorts. Spokane County & Waste Management are building a large recycling center.
- Maintenance Control Plan (MCP) - State will be inspecting to and regulating maintenance control plans. This refers to making sure maintenance performed on elevators is adequate, inspection charts will have specific tasks required as well as frequency required for each of the tasks.

Education Topic:

Steve Bauer of AAtrionics discussed and educated the members on the benefits of good Asset Management and stressed its importance particularly with reduced staff and reduced budgets. He shared his wealth of knowledge and valuable insights on how we can manage our assets more efficiently and effectively and be able to meet the current and future (and as we know ever evolving) Joint Commission Standards as well as many other regulatory compliance requirements. He explained how we can interconnect this system with existing systems and equipment and also how it fits in very nicely with LEAN programs such as Six Sigma. Steve also shared many examples of asset management systems in place at several locations and the benefits of Real Time Location Systems (RTLS) and numerous other technologies.

A good Asset Management system is not just limited to equipment management. A system can be designed with the ability to add options for the monitoring of:

- Infection Control
- Hand Washing

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- Bed Management
- Inventory Management
- Temperature Monitoring
- Staff Panic/Duress
- Patient Flow

Each of the features can help decrease hard and soft dollar loss by reducing manual processes, decreasing capital expenditures, reducing rental charges, providing better utilization of resources (people, equipment, inventory) and ultimately improving patient and staff satisfaction.

Adjourned.

Next Meeting- March 2, 2012 @ 10am - Central Washington Hospital, Wenatchee

Host –Eastern Chapter President -Tim Heidlebaugh

Respectfully Submitted –Brad Jones, WSSHE Eastern Chapter Secretary